



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re PATENT APPLICATION of:
JÖRG THÖMMES ET AL.

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Application No.: 10/661,086

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Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn

Title: Method of Purifying Polypeptides By Simulated Moving Bed Chromatography

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated September 13, 2005, and is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month and the requisite fee.

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